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Assistant Surgeon Modifiers

Policy Summary:

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is proposing to allow the use of only one modifier per claim to indicate that a provider assisted during surgery. Assistant surgeon modifiers 80, 81, 82, and AS represent unique provider types assisting during surgery. Only one of these modifiers is allowed per claim, and the incorrect combination of these modifiers reduces payment to the provider. By disallowing the use of multiple assistant surgeon modifiers per claim, providers will receive the correct payment amount from Medicaid and will align with national correct coding.

Effective Date:

December 1, 2016

Authority/Legal Basis:

These changes are being made under the Medicaid State Plan, which can be found here:
<http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/state-plan>.

Population Affected:

All Medicaid.

Fiscal Impact:

	State Fiscal Year 2017	State Fiscal Year 2018
State	\$2,210	\$3,320
Federal	\$2,643	\$3,959
Total	\$4,853	\$7,279

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period was October 13, 2016 – November 13, 2016. No comments were received.